

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claims 8 and 9.

- B1 sub 8. (New) A method according to claim 1 in which the messages are tactical data link messages originating from a plurality of military platforms, the messages being in digital form and transmitted by the units via a wireless network.
9. (New) A method according to claim 1, in which each of the received plurality of data link messages comprises a plurality of data fields including a message type field and at least one content field containing information of a nature dependent on the message type.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendment adds new claims 7 and 8. Now in the application are claims 1-9 of which claim 1 is independent and claims 8 and 9 are new. No new matter has been added. The following comments address all stated grounds for rejection and place the presently pending claims, as identified above in condition for allowance.

**Description and Advantages of the claimed invention:**

Military equipment, such as ships, aircraft, and vehicles periodically transmit data indicative of their location, speed, armament, status, and the like. The data is sent via a wireless transmission and is referred to as a tactical data link (TDL) message. The received data is used by the appropriate field commanders to command, control and coordinate military personnel and